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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1733
PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62556

Yasuo OHSAWA

Appln. No.: 09/777,653

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 9224

Examiner: Steven D. MAKI

Filed: February 07, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|---------|------------------------|
| All Claims | 24 | 24 | = | X | \$18.00 | = \$0.00 |
| Independent | 5 | 3 | = | X | \$84.00 | = \$168.00 |
| | | | TOTAL | | | <u>\$168.00</u> |

Please charge the statutory fee of \$168.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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